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Independent Claim 9 is directed to a process of electrographic printing. A toner comprises a first reagent and a second reagent. Heat energy is applied to react the first reagent and the second reagent. Radiation energy is also applied to the printed image to form a cohesive bond within the image.

Claims 10-20 depend from Claim 9.

Claims 1 through 20 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-22 of U.S. Patent No. 6, 649, 317 ("'317 Patent"). The previous rejection of Claims 1 through 20 has been withdrawn.

The claims of the '317 Patent are directed to a process of electrographic printing. A toner comprises a first reagent and a second reagent.

Claims 1 through 20 require that radiation energy be applied to the image to form a cohesive bond within the image. This step of applying radiation energy to printed image is in addition to the application of heat energy to react the reagents. The step is not taught by the '317 Patent. It is respectfully submitted that there is no teaching or suggestion in the '317 Patent to apply radiation energy to the image after the image is printed to create a cohesive bond within the image, and that the claims are not obvious in view of the teachings of the '317 Patent.

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It is respectfully submitted that the double patenting rejection is due to be withdrawn, and that Claims 1 through 20 are in condition for allowance. Review and allowance is earnestly solicited.

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